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Applicants : Sheryl BEHAR, Carol LEWBELL-GRAY and Cheryl CUNHA

Serial No. : 09/469,993 Examiner : Not Yet Assigned

Filed : December 22, 1999 Art Unit : Not Yet Assigned

For : **METHOD AND SYSTEM FOR AWARDING REBATES BASED
ON CREDIT CARD USAGE TO CREDIT CARD HOLDERS**

March 22, 2001

**REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION OF PETITION UNDER 37 CFR 1.47(a) TO
MAKE APPLICATION WITHOUT SIGNATURES OF ALL CO-INVENTORS**Assistant Commissioner for Patents
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BY FACSIMILE TRANSMITTAL: (703) 308-6916**OFFICE OF PETITIONS****ATTN. WAN LAYMON
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Sir:

Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the Decision Refusing Status Under 37 CFR 1.47(a), mailed September 25, 2000, dismissing Applicants' Petition under 37 CFR 1.47(a), filed July 11, 2000. This Request for Reconsideration is accompanied by a copy of Applicants' Four Month Petition for Extension of Time for Responding, which, along with the appropriate fee, is being mailed by Express Mail (EL416700426US) to the Patent Office today, and is thus submitted within the period set for reply as extended.

Applicants' Petition was dismissed solely because the Petitions Examiner found that while the evidence showed that the nonsigning inventor was presented with a declaration, which she refused to sign, there was no evidence that the nonsigning inventor was also presented with a copy of the entire application papers (specification, claims and drawings) along with the declaration.

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On January 18, 2001, at around 4:30pm, the undersigned attorney personally presented the nonsigning inventor, Carol Lewbell-Gray, at her office at 9 East 40th Street, New York, NY, a copy of the entire application papers (specification, claims and drawings) and the declaration, and asked her if she would review the application to confirm it was for her invention and sign the declaration. A copy of these papers including the declaration was also sent to her current residence at 300 East 74th Street, New York, NY. Shortly thereafter, the nonsigning inventor indicated orally to the undersigned attorney that she still refused to sign the declaration. A copy of the transmittal letter to Carol Lewbell-Gray is attached.

In light of the above facts, the Applicants respectfully submit that the nonsigning inventor refuses to sign the declaration after having been presented with the application papers including the specification, claims and drawings and the declaration. Since all of the other requirements for a grantable petition under 37 CFR 1.47(a) have been provided by Applicants' Petition, favorable reconsideration leading to a reversal of the Decision and granting of Applicants' Petition is respectfully requested.

The Petitions Officer is respectfully requested to contact Applicants' attorney at the telephone number listed below should there be additional information or requirements needed in order to favorably grant Applicants' Petition.

No fee is believed to be necessary in connection with the filing of this Request for Reconsideration. However, if any fee is required, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge such fee to attorney's Deposit Account No. 50-0540.

Respectfully submitted,


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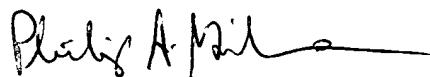
Dear Ms. Lewbell-Gray:

Enclosed is a copy of the above-referenced patent application as filed including an attached Declaration, Power of Attorney and Petition (the "Declaration"). The Declaration is to be signed by all of the inventors of the application, including you, but to date we have not yet received your executed copy. For your convenience, I enclose an extra copy of the Declaration for your signature.

I also enclose a copy of the Patent and Confidential Information Agreement Form (the "Agreement"), which you signed on July 3, 1995. According to the last paragraph, the Agreement obliges you to disclose and assign to Citibank any inventions made or conceived by you arising out of your employment with Citibank, and sign any related papers, including the enclosed Declaration. In light of this Agreement, please let me know if you still refuse to sign the Declaration.

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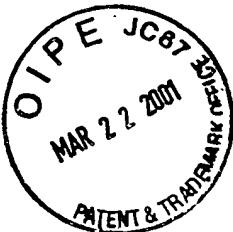
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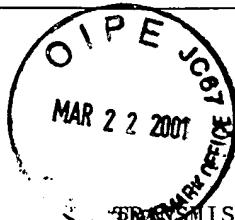
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